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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

(Honorable M. James Lorenz)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, vs. **BERNAL ANTHONY MITCHELL (5),** Defendant.	Case No.: 08-CR-0256-005-L EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER ALLOWING COPY CONNECTION TO BILL THIS COURT DIRECTLY FOR ITS SERVICES.

Defendant BERNAL ANTHONY MITCHELL, by and through his attorney Mahir T. Sherif, hereby files this ex parte application for an Order allowing Copy Connection to submit its bills directly to this Court for costs related to discovery production.

The case against Mr. Mitchell stems from months' worth of undercover investigation and wire taps. Mr. Mitchell's attorney has been appointed pursuant to the CJA Act. In order to adequately represent Mr. Mitchell, his counsel must obtain and review the exorbitant amount of discovery. Mr. Mitchell has already joined an application similar to this instant application; however, no order has been issued either granting or denying said application. Since Mr. Mitchell filed his joinder to the initial application, Mr. Mitchell's attorney has paid the first invoice from Copy Connection, which was roughly $500.00. Copy Connection is currently holding a second round of discovery produced by the United States and will not release it to Mr. Mitchell or his attorney until a second invoice is paid. Mr. Mitchell's attorney is not in the financial position to continue covering the copy costs and neither is Mr. Mitchell himself.

In order to avoid having his attorney covering the costs and later seeking reimbursement, Defendant requests the above-entitled court to allow Copy Connection to submit its invoices directly to the above-entitled court for payments. Defendant Mr. Mitchell hereby seeks an "open" order from the court allowing Copy Connection to submit payments directly to this Court and any further payments Copy Connection may seek that result from the prosecution of Mr. Mitchell's case.

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